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REMARKS

The indicated allowability of claims 2-7, 9 and 12-18 is noted, with thanks. Applicant has re-written claims 2-7 and 13 in independent form. Claims 1, 8 and 10 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention over the art.

No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments.

With regard to cipher 4 and 9 of the Action, actually, the patentable differences of claims 8, 10 and 11 were discussed on pages 10-11 of Amendment A. However, in view of the foregoing amendments, the issue is rendered moot. Namely, claims 10 and 11 of the present invention are not anticipated by Amemiya (U.S. Patent No. 5,877,734), nor is claim 8 obvious over Amemiya and Kanazawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,559,814). The prior art cited to reject claims 8, 10 and 11 has the same construction as the prior art shown in FIG. 1 of Applicant's specification. Clearly, the construction of the present invention differs. For instance, claims 1, 8 and 10 require that "on both sides of one of the sustaining electrode and the scanning electrode, the other one of the sustaining and scanning electrode is arranged." In both Amemiya and Kanazawa et al., a method for driving a plasma display panel in which one of the other-type electrode is arranged between the adjacent one-type electrodes is disclosed. Therefore, the cited references are completely different from arriving at a method of a plasma display panel in which two of the other-type electrodes are arranged between the adjacent one-type electrodes as in the present invention. Accordingly, claims 8, 10 and 11 are patentable over the art.

Turning to the rejection of claim 1 as obvious over Amemiya and Moon (U.S. Patent No. 6,384,802), the PDPs described in these cited references are different from the PDP construction with which the present invention is concerned. Although, in Moon two of the

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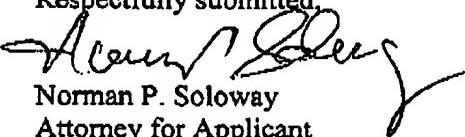
other-type electrodes are arranged between the adjacent one-type electrodes, Moon's construction is different from the present invention. Namely, in Applicant's claim 1, any one of a scanning electrode and a sustaining electrode extending in a row direction is shared by display cells neighboring, at both sides of the scanning electrode or sustaining electrode, in a column direction intersection with the row direction. Therefore, claim 1, and any claims dependent therefrom, cannot be obvious over Amemiya and Moon.

The foregoing Amendment makes no claim changes that would require further search or consideration by the Examiner. More particularly, claims 2-7 and 13, which were indicated as allowable, have been rewritten in independent form, and claims 8 and 10 have been amended to incorporate limitations from claim 1, which the Examiner has already considered.

Accordingly, entry of the foregoing Amendment and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

A Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$516.00 is enclosed for the six added independent claims. In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

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